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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (E.O., TAGS AND SUBJECT)

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: JM, ELAB
SUBJECT: LABOR DISPUTE MAY CLOSE BUILDING WHICH ALSO HOUSES EMBASSY

1. SUMMARY: LABOR DISPUTE WITH JAMAICAN INSURANCE FIRM THAT OWNS AND OCCUPIES MOST OF BUILDING WHICH ALSO HOUSES EMBASSY (EXCEPT CONSULATE) MAY CAUSE FIRM TO BE STRUCK AND BUILDING PICKETED IN A FEW WEEKS. WE ARE MONITORING SITUATION AND, IF NECESSARY, WILL MAKE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION TO UNION AND FONMINISTRY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO EMBASSY. IN MEANTIME WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS OR GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT CARES TO SHARE WITH US. AMBASSADOR FEELS THAT WE SHOULD NOT CROSS PICKET LINES WITHOUT UNION APPROVAL. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL ELEMENTS OF THIS MISSION, WITH EXCEPTION OF CONSULATE OCCUPY THREE OF THE ELEVEN FLOORS IN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY BUILDING. THE ONLY OTHER FOREIGN ESTABLISHMENT IN BUILDING IS THE EEC OFFICE WHICH OCCUPIES HALF A FLOOR. THE CHAIRMAN AND THE PRESIDENT OF MUTUAL LIFE ALERTED THE AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING TO THE ABOVE POSSIBILITY. B.I.T.U., WHICH IS AFFILIATED WITH JLP,
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IS TRYING TO UNIONIZE THE FIRM'S EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING ITS MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY STAFFS. MUTUAL LIFE FEELS THAT IF USUAL PATTERN PREVAILS, THE UNION WILL SUCCEED, THEN MAKE "UNREASONABLE" DEMANDS WHICH COMPANY WILL HAVE TO TURN DOWN. BUILDING WOULD THEN BE STRUCK FOR FROM ONE TO A FEW DAYS BEFORE UNION WILL ARBITRATE. APPARENTLY SIMILAR EVENT TOOK PLACE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO

AGAINST A DIFFERENT INSURANCE BUILDING. DISORDER THERE
INCLUDED DAMAGE TO VEHICLES PARKED IN BUILDING PARKING
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3. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.
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